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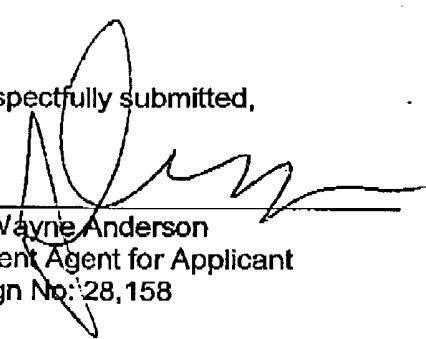
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.312, the Primary Examiner is requested to consider the following proposed Amendment for approval by the Commissioner, without withdrawing this case from issue.

The proposed amendment is to simply clarify allowed claim 10, by changing the order of the current sequence of process steps, as shown in the attached paper entitled **Complete Listing of all of the Claims**.

Although the sequence of the process steps (a) to (c) in current claim 10 is not specified, it is apparent from the Specification that step (c) would naturally occur in sequence before "placing said solid support into a microvolume of solvent where chemical desorption of the analytes from the support occurs".

Respectfully submitted,

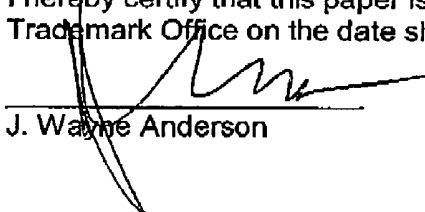


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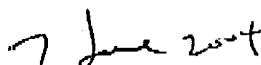
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